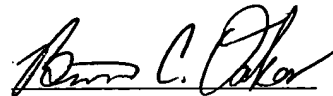


**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request prompt examination of the above-noted application on the merits. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.**" It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (202) 736-6371.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, please the following amendments were made to the paragraph under the sub-heading entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/702,184, filed on October 31, 2000, and entitled "System and Method to Automate Equipment Placement at Remote Sites[.]" which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/823,561 entitled "System and Method to Automate Equipment Placement at Remote Sites" filed March 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,169,987. The present application is also related to the following U.S. patents, which are assigned to the assignee of the present application and incorporated herein by reference in their entireties: U.S. Patent Nos. 5,930,779, 5,991,759, 6,098,050, 6,169,987, and 6,023,699.